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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Mangano

Serial No.: 09/426,792

Group Art Unit: 1614

Filed: October 22, 1999

Examiner: Spivack, Phyllis G.

For: METHODS FOR REDUCING  
MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY BY  
POSTOPERATIVE  
ADMINISTRATION OF A  
PHARMACOLOGIC  
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENT

Attorney Docket No.: 9114-004-999

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 6, 2002, Applicants elect to prosecute the Group I. Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) extending the time for response for a period of one months to and including April 8, 2002. Please note that April 6, 2002, is a Saturday.

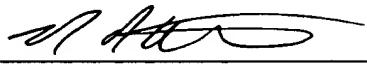
Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more later filed divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications.

Applicants believe that the claims of the instant application meet all of the conditions for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

No fees in addition to the extension fee are believed due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 and all required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to Pennie & Edmonds U.S. Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 8, 2002

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